

I was not forgetful of the *sparks* which some mens dissenters formerly studied to kindle in parliaments. *K. Charles.*

In this deep quiet, from what source unknown,
Those seeds of fire that fatal birth disclose:

And first, few scatt'ring *sparks* about were blown,
Big with the flames that to our ruin role.

Oh, may some *spark* of your celestial fire
The last, the meanest of your sons inspire. *Pope.*

2. Any thing shining.
We have, here and there, a little clear light, some *sparks* of bright knowledge. *Locke.*

3. Any thing vivid or active.
If any *spark* of life be yet remaining,
Down, down to hell, and say, I sent thee thither. *Shaksp.*

4. A lively, showy, splendid, gay man. It is commonly used contempt.

How many huffing *sparks* have we seen, that in the same day have been both the idols and the scorn of the same slaves? *L'Estrange.*

A *spark* like thee, of the mankilling trade
Fell sick. *Dryden.*

As for the disputes of sharpers, we don't read of any provisions made for the honours of such *sparks*. *Collier.*

The finest *sparks*, and clearest beaux
Drip from the shoulders to the toes. *Prior.*

I who have been the poet's *spark* to day,
Will now become the champion of his play. *Craville.*

Unlucky as Fungoso in the play,
These *sparks* with awkward vanity display

What the fine gentlemen wore yesterday. *Pope.*

To *SPARK*, *v. n.* [from the noun.] To emit particles of fire; to sparkle. Not in use.

Fair is my love,
When the rose in her cheek appears,

Or in her eyes the fire of love doth *spark*. *Spenser.*

SPARKFUL, *adj.* [*spark* and *full*.] Lively; brisk; airy.

Hitherto will our *sparkful* youth laugh at their great grandfather's English, who had more care to do well than to speak minion-like. *Camden's Remains.*

SPARKISH, *adj.* [from *spark*.]

1. Airy; gay. A low word.

Is any thing more *sparkish* and better humour'd than Venus's accosting her son in the deserts of Libya? *Walsh.*

2. Showy; well dressed; fine.

A daw, to be *sparkish*, trick'd himself up with all the gay feathers he could muster. *L'Estrange.*

SPARKLE, *n. f.* [from *spark*.]

1. A spark; a small particle of fire.

He with repeated strokes
Of clashing flints, their hidden fires provokes;

Short flame succeeds, a bed of wither'd leaves
The dying *sparkles* in their fall receives:

Caught into life, in fiery fumes they rise,
And, fed with stronger food, invade the skies. *Dryden.*

2. Any luminous particle.

To detract from the dignity thereof, were to injure ev'n God himself, who being that light which none can approach unto, hath sent out these lights wherof we are capable, even as so many *sparkles* resembling the bright fountain from which they rise. *Hosker.*

When reason's lamp, which, like the fun in sky,
Throughout man's little world her beams did spread,

Is now become a *sparkle* which doth lie
Under the ashes, half extinct and dead. *Davies.*

Ah then! thy once lov'd Eloisa see!
It will be then no crime to gaze on me,

See from my cheek the transient roses die,
See the last *sparkle* languish in my eye. *Pope.*

To *SPARKLE*, *v. n.* [from the noun.]

1. To emit sparks.

2. To issue in sparks.

The bold design
Pleas'd highly those infernal states, and joy

Sparkled in all their eyes. *Milton.*

3. To shine; to glitter.

A hair seen in a microscope loses its former colour, and is in a great measure pellucid, with a mixture of some bright *sparkling* colours, such as appear from the refraction of diamonds. *Locke.*

Politus is a fine young gentleman, who *sparkles* in all the shining things of dress and equipage. *Watts.*

SPARKLINGLY, *adv.* [from *sparkling*.] With vivid and twinkling lustre.

Diamonds sometimes would look more *sparklingly* than they were wont, and sometimes far more dull than ordinary. *Boyle.*

SPARKLINGNESS, *n. f.* [from *sparkling*.] Vivid and twinkling lustre.

I have observed a manifestly greater clearness and *sparklingness* at some times than at others, though I could not refer it to the superficial clearness or foulness of the stone. *Boyle.*

SPARROW, *n. f.* [Sparrow, Saxon.] A small bird.

Disin'd not this new eddied bird
Macbeth and Banquo? Yes, *Shaksp.*

As *sparrows*, eagles; or the hare, the lion. *Shaksp.*

There is great probability that a thousand *sparrows* will fly away at the sight of a hawk among them. *Watts.*

SPARROWHAWK, or *sparhawk*, *n. f.* [Sparrowhawk, Saxon.] The female of the musket hawk. *Hammer.*

SPARROWGRASS, *n. f.* [Corrupted from *sparagrus*.] Your infant pease to *sparrowgrass* prefers, *King.*

Which to the upper you may best defer.

SPARRY, *adj.* [from *spar*.] Consisting of spar.

In which manner spar is usually found herein, and other minerals; or such as are of some observable figure; of which sort are the *sparry* strata, or icicles called stalactites. *Watts.*

SPASM, *n. f.* [*Spasme*, Fr. *σπασμός*.] Convulsion; violent and involuntary contraction of any part.

All the maladies
Of ghastly *spasm*, or racking torture, qualms

Of heart sick agony. *Milton.*

Wounds are subject to pain, inflammation, *spasm*, Whyman.

Carminative things dilute and relax; because wind occasions a *spasm* or convulsion in some part. *Arbutnot.*

SPASMODICK, *adj.* [*Spasmodique*, Fr. from *spasme*.] Convulsive.

SPAT, *n. f.* [from *spat*.] The pretense of spit.

And when he had *spat* on the ground, he anointed his eyes. *Gospel.*

SPAT, *n. f.* The young shell-fish.

A reticulated film found upon sea-shells, and usually supposed to be the remains of the vessels of the *spat* of some sort of shell-fish. *Woodward on Fossils.*

To *SPATULATE*, *v. n.* [*Spatior*, Latin.] To rove; to range; to ramble at large.

Wonder causeth astonishment, or an immoveable posture of the body, caused by the fixing of the mind upon one cogitation, whereby it doth not *spatulate* and transcur. *Bacon.*

Confined to a narrow chamber, he could *spatulate* at large through the whole universe. *Bentley.*

To *SPATTER*, *v. a.* [*spat*, spit, Saxon.]

1. To sprinkle with dirt, or any thing offensive.

The pavement swam in blood, the walls around
Were *spattered* o'er with brains. *Addison.*

2. To throw out any thing offensive.

His forward voice now is to speak well of his friend; his backward voice is to *spatter* foul speeches, and to detract. *Shaksp.*

3. To asperse; to defame.

To *SPATTER*, *v. n.* To spit; to spatter as at any thing nauseous taken into the mouth.

They fondly thinking to allay
Their appetite with gulf, instead of fruit

Chew'd bitter ashes, which th' offended taste
With *spattering* noise rejected. *Milton.*

SPATTERDASHES, *n. f.* [*spatter* and *dash*.] Coverings for the legs by which the wet is kept off.

SPATTLING Peppy, *n. f.* White behen. A plant which is a species of campion. *Milne.*

SPATULA, *n. f.* [*spatula*, *spatula*, Latin.] A spatule or lice.

Spatula is an instrument used by apothecaries and surgeons in spreading plasters or stirring medicines together. *Quincy.*

In raising up the hairy scalp smooth with my *spatula*, I could discover no fault in the bone. *Wijeman's Surgery.*

SPAVIN, *n. f.* [*spavento*, Fr. *spavans*, Italian.] his distile in horses is a bony excrescence or crustas hard as a bone, that grows on the inside of the hough, not far from the elbow, and is generated of the same matter by which the bones or ligaments are nourished: it is at first like a tender gristle, but by degrees comes to hardness. *Farrar's Dist.*

They've all new legs and lame ones; one would take it, That never saw them pace before, the *spavin*, *Shaksp.*

And springhalt reign'd among them.

If it had been a *spavin*, and the ass had petitioned for another farrier, it might have been reasonable. *L'Estrange.*

SPAWN, *n. f.* [from *spaw* in Germany.] A place famous for mineral waters; any mineral water.

To *SPAWN*, *v. n.* [*speccian*, to spit, Saxon.] To throw moisture out of the mouth.

He who does on iv'ry tables dine,
His marble floors with drunken *spawnings* shine. *Dryden.*

What mischief can the dean have done him,
That Traulus calls for vengeance on him?

Why must he sputter, *spawn*, and flaver it, *Swift.*

In vain against the people's fav'rite.

SPAWN, *n. f.* [*spawl*, Saxon.] Spittle; moisture ejected from the mouth.

Of spittle the lustration makes;

Then in the *spawl* her middle finger dips, *Dryden.*

Anoints the temple, forehead, and the lips.

SPAWN, *n. f.* [*spens*, *spence*, Dutch.]

1. The eggs of fish, or of frogs.

Masters of the people,
Your multiplying *spawn* how can he flatter

That's thousand to one good one? *Shakspere's Coriolanus.*

God said, let the waters generate
Reptile, with *spawn* abundant, living soul! *Milton.*

These ponds, in spawning time abounded with frogs, and a great deal of *spawn*. *Ray on the Creation.*

2. Any product or offspring. In contempt.

'Twas not the *spawn* of such as these
That dy'd with Punick blood the conquer'd seas, *Roscommon.*

And quast the stern *Æacides*.

This atheistical humour was the *spawn* of the gross superstitions of the Romish church and court. *Tillotson.*

To *SPAWN*, *v. a.* [from the noun.]

1. To produce as fishes do eggs.

Some report a sea-maid *spawn'd* him. *Shakspere.*

2. To generate; to bring forth. In contempt.

What practices such principles as these may *spawn*, when they are laid out to the sun, you may determine. *Swift.*

To *SPAWN*, *v. n.*

1. To issue as eggs from fish.

2. To issue; to proceed. In contempt.

It is to ill a quality, and the mother of so many ill ones that it is to ill a quality, that a child should be brought up in the great *spawn* from it, that a child should be brought up in the great abhorrence of it. *Locke.*

SPAWNER, *n. f.* [from *spawn*.] The female fish.

The barbel, for the preservation of their seed, both the *spawner* and the meller cover their *spawn* with sand. *Walton.*

To *SPAY*, *v. a.* [*spads*, Latin.] To castrate female animals.

Be dumb you beggars of the ryming trade,
Geld your loose wits, and let your wits be *spay'd*. *Cleavel.*

The males must be geld, and the fowls *spay'd*, the *spay'd* they esteem as the most profitable, because of the great quantity of fat upon the inwards. *Mortimer's Husbandry.*

To *SPEAK*, *v. n.* [Preterite, *spake* or *spoke*; participle passive, *spoken*; *speccan*, Saxon; *spreeken*, Dutch.]

1. To utter articulate sounds; to express thoughts by words.

Speaking is nothing else than a sensible expression of the notions of the mind, by several determinations of utterance of voice, used as signs, having by consent several determinate significancies. *Holder.*

Hannah *spoke* in her heart, only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard. *1 Sam. i. 13.*

2. To harangue; to make a speech.

Many of the nobility made themselves popular by *speaking* in parliament, against those things which were most grateful to his majesty, and which still passed notwithstanding their contradiction. *Clarendon.*

Therites, though the most presumptuous Greek,
Yet durst not for Achilles' armour *speake*. *Dryden.*

3. To talk for or against; to dispute.

A knave should have some countenance at his friend's request. An honest man, fir, is able to *speake* for himself when a knave is not. *Shakspere's Henry IV.*

The general and his wife are talking of it;

And the *speaks* for you stoutly. *Shakspere's Othello.*

When he had no power,
He was your enemy; still *spoke* against

Your liberties and charters. *Shakspere's Coriolanus.*

4. To discourse; to make mention.

Were such things here as we do *speake* about?

Or have we eaten of the insane root,
That takes the reason prisoner. *Shakspere's King Lear.*

Lot went out and *spoke* unto his sons in law. *Gen. xix. 14.*

The fire you *speake* of,

If any flames of it approach my fortunes,
I'll quench it not with water, but with ruin. *Ben. Johnson.*

They could never be lost, but by an universal deluge which has been *spoken* to already. *Tillotson's Sermons.*

Lucan *speaks* of a part of Caesar's army that came to him, from the Leman-lake, in the beginning of the civil war. *Add.*

Had Luther *spoke* up to this accusation, yet Chrysolom's example would have been his defence. *Atterbury.*

5. To give sound.

Make all your trumpets *speake*, give them all breath,
Those clam'rous harbingers of blood and death. *Shaksp.*

To *SPEAK* with. To address; to converse with.

Thou can't not fear us, Pompey, with thy fails,
We'll *speake* with thee at sea. *Shaksp. Ant. and Cleopatra.*

I *spoke* with one that came from thence,
That freely render'd me these news for true. *Shakspere.*

Nicholas was by a herald sent for to come into the great hall; Solyman disdain'd to *speake* with him himself. *Knolles.*

To *SPEAK*, *v. a.*

1. To utter with the mouth; to pronounce.

Saul *spoke* not any thing that day. *1 Sam. xx. 26.*

Mordecai had *spoken* good. *Ezra. vii. 1.*

Consider of it, take advice, and *speake* your minds. *Judges.*

They fat down with him upon the ground, and none *spoke* a word. *Job ii. 13.*

When divers were hardened, and believed not, but *spoke* evil of that way before the multitude, he departed. *Acts xix. 9.*

You, from my youth,
Have known and try'd me, *speake* I more than truth? *Sandys.*

What you keep by you, you may change and mend,
But words once *spoke* can never be recall'd. *Waller.*

Under the tropick is our language *spoke*, *Waller.*

And part of Flanders hath receiv'd our yoke. *Waller.*

He no where *speaks* it out, or in direct terms calls them substances. *Locke.*

Colours *speake* all languages, but words are understood only by such a people or nation. *Spectator.*

2. To proclaim; to celebrate.

It is my father's music

To *speake* your deeds, not little of his care

To have them recompensed. *Shakspere's Winter's Tale.*

3. To address; to accost.

If he have need of thee, he will deceive thee, smile upon thee, put thee in hope, *speake* thee fair, and say, what wantest thou? *Ecclus. xiii. 6.*

4. To exhibit.

Let heav'n's wide circuit *speake*

The Maker's high magnificence. *Milton.*

SPEAKABLE, *adj.* [from *speake*.]

1. Possible to be spoken.

2. Having the power of speech.

Say,

How can't thou *speakeable* of mute. *Milton.*

SPEAKER, *n. f.* [from *speake*.]

1. One that speaks.

These fables grew so general, as the authors were lost in the generality of *speakers*. *Bacon's Henry VII.*

In conversation or reading, find out the true sense, idea which the *speaker* or writer affixes to his words. *Watts's Logick.*

Common *speakers* have only one set of ideas, and one set of words to cloath them in; and these are always ready at the mouth. *Swift.*

2. One that speaks in any particular manner.

Horace's phrase is *torret secur*;

And happy was that curious *speaker*. *Prior.*

3. One that celebrates, proclaims, or mentions.

After my death, I wish no other herald,
No other *speaker* of my living actions

To keep mine honour from corruption. *Shakspere.*

4. The prolocutor of the commons.

I have disabled myself like an elected *speaker* of the house. *Dryd.*

SPEAKING TRUMPET, *n. f.* A stentoroph